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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

SHUGO NISHI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION  
(BASED ON PCT/IB04/02431) :

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: AMORPHOUS SILICA PARTICLES :  
HAVING HIGH ABSORBING  
CAPABILITIES AND HIGH  
STRUCTURAL  
CHARACTERISTICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.